

**FEDERATED FACTS**

**SEPTEMBER**

**2013**



**Diane's Diggings:**

How busy have you been this summer? This has been a very intense time as we, the board and I, have worked to get the Federation off to a good start. The first meeting, held August 26, went well. The attendance was very good. This meeting focused on getting the year going. Yearbooks were distributed. If, by chance, you did not get your yearbook, please contact me so that you will have all of this information.

Ann Bradfield has done a fantastic job with the organization of the Applebee's Pancake Breakfast, October 26. It is now OUR turn to get those tickets out. This is planned as our only fundraiser for the year. Your help with sales is essential to this goal.

The Belk's tickets have arrived and can be picked up. Remember they are our token to you for all your support. Should you choose to sell those for your club you may or you may just enjoy a morning of shopping scheduled for November 9.

The Tony Warren Cancer Center wreaths are ready for you to pick up and start your magic. They should be finished and on display by October 29.

Remember the Laurel District Meeting is being hosted by RFGC at the Coosa Country Club on October 16. Please make a strong effort to be there. Thank you for all you are doing to make it a success.

*Diane*

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## Garden Therapy Has Changes

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There are some changes with Garden Therapy. You may have questions. Your club's support is still needed and appreciated. Should you have questions concerning your participation, please contact Diane Harbin, who is serving as State Garden Therapy Chairman, [dianejharbin@comcast.net](mailto:dianejharbin@comcast.net).

Garden Therapy projects of Christmas stockings, Easter eggs, and Fig Leaf items may be distributed by clubs to the organization of their choice such as the nearest regional hospital Central State Hospital, veterans' homes or hospitals, senior centers, nursing homes, hospitals, women's shelters, Boys and Girls Clubs, or any other worthy local

group. The \$1 donation for each stocking and egg that was used by the hospitals to buy candy for stockings and eggs has been stopped. Clubs may purchase candy or other items and place in stockings and eggs.

As of January 1, 2014, garden therapy donations of \$25 or more donated by March 1 for a certificate of appreciation will be distributed by application for needs at CSH in Milledgeville, Georgia Regional Hospital in Savannah, West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta, and the Veterans Hospitals and Homes in Dublin, Milledgeville, Atlanta and Decatur.

## Coosa Valley Fair



Have you met Blossom the Bee? She is the symbol that is being used by the NCG President, Linda Nelson. Please come to the Coosa Valley Fair to see the Rome Federated Fair booth that will be put up on September 29. What an idea, as you put in your floral entries, just walk over and lend a helping hand. Rita Smith, Linda Sipp, and Maxine Fincher have done a wonderful job of planning the booth. This is an excellent way to communicate our goals and activities to the Rome community.

Come see the RFGC version of Blossom the Bee!

## YEARBOOK!

Time certainly has a way of flying or sneaking up on us. It is TIME to mail your yearbook. Each club is responsible for mailing their own book. Please send to:

Naomi Gerson  
718 Allison Park  
Macon, GA 31220

Remember your application form is online.



## FCCCA

Many in Rome and Floyd County do not recognize the initials FCCCA. Townview Garden Club members have become very familiar with the Floyd County College and Career Academy. The Horticulture program is taught by Mr. Troy Fitzpatrick. Mr. Fitzpatrick's second block class has become the new youth club sponsored by the Townview

members. On September 17, the committee, chaired by Melissa Phillips, Lulie Chin, and Sharon Norman, met at the school in the Horticulture classroom to do the orientation for the year. The main focus of this meeting, other than food for the students, was giving instruction for fair entries. The students seemed very excited at the opportunity to earn a little money, get a ribbon, and be recognized for their efforts. Townview is excited about the opportunities for this new youth club.



***Townview will hold its October meeting at the FCCA***

## New Members?



### What Is This Thing Called Garden Club?

It is a PowerPoint presentation. It is an orientation for new and prospective members. To scatter information of this Special Garden Club of Georgia Project, Suzanne Wheeler, GCG president has offered present the program to councils or federated meetings.

Each district director will receive a CD of the program.

Notice the photo at the left. The pin give away begins September 2013. Presently, the RFGC has 291 members. How wonderful it would be to have the federation number increase, but more importantly how wonderful it would be to have more individuals in our area aware of the good things that garden clubs do for the community.

Remember our State President's theme: "Scatter Joy as we Bloom and Grow."

Don't forget to check the website:  
[www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com](http://www.romefederatedgardenclubs.com)

The donation from Spade and Trowel is much appreciated. Hopefully you are finding useful information at this up to date site.

## CALENDER

### **GARDEN CENTER**

September, 2013 Three Rivers Paper Towels and Bathroom Supplies  
 October, 2013 Mountain View Cleaning Supplies: Dish Detergent,  
 Liquid counter cleaner  
 November 11, 2013 Chattooga Refreshments

### **LIBRARY ASSIGNMENTS**

August 26 – September 8 Camellia  
 September 9 – September 22 African Violet Study Group  
 September 23 – October 6 Lavender View  
 October 7 – October 20 Mountain View  
 October 21 – November 3 Seven Hills



*Remember Calendar sales help fund scholarships. Did you group order?*

## AND THEN THERE WAS A PUMPKIN!

During the last several issues of the Federated Facts, you have had the opportunity to observe the growing pumpkin vine. For a little background, the pumpkin seed had been saved, dried and planted at the Garden Day/Special Person day at the Montessori of Rome which occurred during Garden Week in Georgia. The vine grew to 31 feet because YaYa did not know a thing about caring for a pumpkin. Much research has gone into how to grow a larger pumpkin and how to maintain the one that was picked until time to enter it in the Coosa Valley Fair.

Lee Donahue, YaYa's grandson, has had a wonderful time learning about planting, caring, and watching the pumpkin grow.



## HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN LOOK?

It is time to ready your garden sites and parks for fall judging. October is an excellent time to showcase your area and make Rome beautiful.

